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## ADDISON NAMED CHAIR OF EIU DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

CHARLESTON – William Addison of Charleston has been named chair of Eastern Illinois University's Department of Psychology where he's been employed for the past 14 years.

The appointment took effect July 1, 2001. He replaces Morton Heller who, after a three-year term as department chair, will return to full-time faculty status in order to concentrate more on research.

"We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Addison to the administrative team in the College of Sciences," said Mary Anne Hanner, acting dean. "His experiences and broad knowledge of EIU, his commitment to psychology and his keen interpersonal skills will facilitate his success as the department chair."

Addison, a full professor who joined Eastern's psychology faculty in 1987, is known as an excellent classroom instructor, Hanner continued. In addition, he has provided expertise to many campus committees, including the Committee on Assessment of Student Learning and the Council for Academic Affairs.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve as chair of the psychology department; in my view, there is no stronger academic department at EIU," Addison said. "The accomplishments of the psychology faculty in teaching, research and service are exemplary.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

The department's work in the support of student research at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is particularly noteworthy.

"I believe, as my colleagues do, that collaborative research with students is one of the most rewarding aspects of our jobs as educators, and I would like to see the department build on the distinguished record we have established in this area."

As for his appointment, Addison remarked, "Throughout my academic career, I have been fortunate to work with outstanding department chairs, and I think I have learned a great deal from some excellent role models. I look forward to applying what I have learned in supporting the continued success of my colleagues and our students."

Addison earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Shippensburg University (1975), his master's degree in general/experimental psychology from Marshall University (1978) and his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Miami University (1984). He has taught psychology at the college level for 19 years, the last 14 of those at EIU.

His teaching interests include introductory psychology, statistics, research methods and undergraduate independent research, while his research focuses on teaching issues in psychology and factors involved in students' ratings of teacher effectiveness.

Addison has published a number of articles and reviews and has made more than 50 presentations at regional and national conferences. Additionally, he has authored and co-authored more than 10 textbook ancillaries and has served as consulting editor and reviewer for the journal, *Teaching of Psychology*.

He currently serves as co-chair of the psychology panel for the Illinois Articulation Initiative and as a faculty consultant for the Advanced Placement Exam in Psychology. He also is a Fellow of Division Two of the American Psychological Association – The Society for the Teaching of Psychology. During his years at Eastern, Addison has chaired the Faculty Senate and the CAA, as well as numerous departmental committees.

Addison also has been recognized for his contributions with five Faculty Excellence Awards and two Achievement and Contribution Awards. He was named the department's Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year on three occasions by student members of the EIU

chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. He also received the EIU College of Sciences' Distinguished Service Award earlier this year.

He and his wife, Jayne, live in Charleston with their three children: Kaitlin, Will and James. Addison is the son of Betty and William E. Addison Jr. of Mechanicsburg, Pa.

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**Note to Media: A photo of Dr. Addison may be found at  
<<http://www.eiu.edu/~pubaff/addison1.htm>>.**